

Senate Bill 516- Cannabis Reform

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) offers this letter of information on *Senate Bill 516- Cannabis Reform*. Senate Bill 516 establishes a regulatory and licensing system for adult-use cannabis in Maryland.

BGE is supportive of the language in the Senate version of this legislation that does not prohibit an employer from hiring or disciplining an employee for testing positive for cannabis if the testing is conducted in accordance with the employer's established drug testing policy. However, the cross file of this legislation, House Bill 556, was amended to remove these employer protections. Given the public exposure and the dangerous conditions under which many employees of BGE work, we must be able to keep our employees and the public safe. Establishing and enforcing a zero-tolerance drug policy is imperative for industries such as ours.

BGE respectfully requests that the Senate keep the employer provisions outlined in section 36-1301 of Senate Bill 516 for the reasons outlined above.